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Leader's column

Welcome to the spring edition of Contacts. In this edition, we have a number of important updates, most notably, that there will be a local election taking place on Thursday 4 May 2023 where residents in Gedling will be voting on who they want to represent them at Gedling Borough Council. You must be registered to vote and you must now also take some photographic ID with you, if you are voting in person. This is a big change and I urge that you read the details on page 4 & 5 so you know what you need to do to ensure you get the chance to vote.

I was very privileged to be part of the judging panel for the Pride of Gedling Awards 2022 and the winners and runners up are on pages 12-18. I was delighted that Tina Simpson won the overall Pride of Gedling Award. Her work as a trustee at the St George's Centre in Netherfield is remarkable and she was a worthy winner of the prize.

I was very disappointed to see that, once again, Gedling Borough Council has not received a single penny from the government's Levelling Up funding as well as a very unfair funding settlement. The government settlement, announced in December, equates to a 8% cut in core spending power since 2015 for the council and we are now the 5th worst affected council in the entire country. This is a very challenging time for us and we will have to make some very difficult decisions when setting the budget and what we are asking for is a fairer funding model from central government.



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Elections 2023 – everything you need to know

On Thursday 4 May 2023 there will be local elections to decide who will run the administration of Gedling Borough Council. This year, there is a change in what you need to do if you vote in person as the government has introduced Voter ID requirements.

Voter ID

The UK Government has introduced a requirement for voters to show photo ID when voting at a polling station at all elections in England. This new requirement will apply for the first time in England at the local elections on Thursday 4 May 2023.

Which forms of ID can I use to vote?

You may already have a form of photo ID that is acceptable. You can use any of the following:

- Passport
- Driving licence (including provisional license)
- Blue badge
- Certain concessionary travel cards
- Identity card with PASS mark (Proof of Age Standards Scheme)
- Biometric Immigration document
- Defence identity card
- Certain national identity cards

For more information on which forms of photo ID will be accepted, visit <u>electoralcommission.org.uk/</u><u>voterID</u> or call their helpline on 0800 328 0280.

If you don't have an accepted form photo ID

If you don't already have an accepted form of photo ID, or you're not sure whether your photo ID still looks like you, you can apply for a free voter ID document, known as a Voter Authority Certificate. You can apply for this at <u>voter-authority-certificate.service.gov.uk</u>.

If you need any help with applying for a Voter Authority Certificate or want to request an application form, contact the elections team:

Gedling Borough Council

Electoral Registration Officer Civic Centre Arnot Hill Park Arnold Nottingham NG5 6LU Phone: 0115 901 3917 Email: elections@gedling.gov.uk

Information about the local elections.

In Gedling there are 41 Gedling Borough councillors representing 19 wards.

Most wards are represented by 2 councillors. Some wards have 3 councillors, some have 1 councillor but the number of councillors always reflects the number of voters in each ward.

Election FAQs

Who will I be voting for?

On Thursday 4 May 2023 there will be elections for Gedling Borough Council and any Parish Councils where local councillors will be elected. This is different to a General Election where you would vote for your Member of Parliament.

Local Councillors represent their ward on the Borough Council. Whichever party has the most councillors forms the administration. If there is no clear winner then it will be up to the newly elected councillors to decide who forms an administration. Local Councillors make decisions on issues such as budgets, planning, licensing and how local services such as waste collection are run.

Who can vote in the elections?

Anybody who is 18 or over on the 4 May 2023 is eligible to vote. You must, however, be registered to vote. To check if you are on the register contact the elections office on 0115 901 3917 or email **elections@gedling.gov.uk.**

How do I vote?

Everyone on the register will be sent a poll card giving information about the election. The card will give information about the election and where you need to go to cast your vote. Information on how to vote will be displayed in polling stations or you can ask the staff. If you cannot attend your polling station on 4 May you can apply for a postal or proxy vote. You must also remember to bring Voter ID if you intend to vote in person.

Postal and Proxy votes

If you are unable or do not want to vote in person at the election you can apply for a postal or proxy vote. If you have a postal vote we will send ballot papers to your home address for you to complete and send back to us. A proxy vote is where you give somebody else permission to go to the polling station and vote on your behalf. Postal and proxy votes can apply for this election only or for all future elections and you must fill in and sign an application form. For security you will need to provide your date of birth and a signature. Application forms are available to download at <u>www.gedling.gov.uk/elections</u> or contact us for one to be sent to you. The deadline to apply to vote by post is 5pm on Tuesday 18 April. For proxy votes, the deadline is 5pm on Tuesday 25 April.



£2.9m funding for Gedling Borough

The council has secured £2.9m to invest across the borough over the next three years, through the UK Shared Prosperity Fund.

The UK Shared Prosperity Fund is the successor to the European Union (EU) Structural Fund and Gedling Borough Council will receive £368,000 in the first year followed by £696,000 in year two and a final instalment of £1.8 million in year three.

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The council's bid included a detailed investment plan that showed how money will be spent in order to meet the government's funding criteria and what the benefits to the local community will be. The fund identifies three local priorities; communities and place, support for local businesses and people and skills.

The council will be looking at a range of ideas for how to spend the money such as improving town centres and green spaces, encouraging visitors

improving community engagement programmes. Projects to start in the first year include plans to build a new sports pavilion at Lambley Lane Recreation Ground, expand CCTV in crime hotspots and provide community grants to local charities and groups. Funding will also be used to install new Changing Places public toilets at King George V Playing Fields in Arnold Town Centre.

The council consulted with local community groups and businesses to find out what they think the money should be used for and used this feedback to shape the plan and the key priorities for the fund. The bid was also formally backed by Nottinghamshire County Council.

£50 million 'Levelling Up' bid for Arnold unsuccessful

Gedling Borough Council has once again been unsuccessful in its bid for Levelling Up funding from central government.

We submitted a bid for 'Ambition Arnold', a £50 million project to revitalise the northern part of Arnold Town Centre but, unfortunately, we did not receive any funding following the announcement from the Department of Levelling Up, Housing and Communities (DLHC). This was our second attempt at bidding for the funding, following a similar bid made last year.

The 'Levelling Up' Fund was announced by the Secretary of State for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities in November 2020. The fund was made available to communities in all UK nations, with up to £4.8 billion available for local infrastructure across the UK. Gedling Borough Council previously bid for £20 million in the first round but was unsuccessful. The feedback from government suggested that the previous application was strong, specifically around the plans for the town centre, so the council submitted a new bid based on the government response.

The DLHC have announced that a third round of bids will now be opened and we will wait for feedback on our most recent bid before applying again.

White Ribbon Day

Gedling Borough Council, Carlton Town Football Club and local charity We R Here joined together to support a campaign to end violence against women and girls by men.

The campaign, known as White Ribbon Day, is a widely recognised global movement which engages with men and boys to end violence against women and girls. This year the campaign launched at the start of the World Cup, a time when violence against women and girls often increases.

The campaign was launched at the home of Carlton Town Football Club with players taking part and signing the pledge that they will never be silent or ignore violence against women.

Gedling Borough Councillors also wore white ribbons during November's Full Council meeting, and signed the pledge to show their support for this important cause. We are continuing to work with local charity, We R Here, who support women fleeing from domestic abuse, to help raise awareness of their project and highlight how they support survivors of abuse.

Visit www.whiteribbon.org to find out more



Taxi driver fined for abandoning blind couple



A taxi driver was found guilty and fined for failing to fulfill a booking made by a disabled person due to the presence of an assistance dog.

Mr and Mrs Griffiths, both of whom are blind and residents of Arnold, had booked a taxi in July 2021. When the taxi arrived, the Griffiths were waiting on the pavement with their guide dogs. However, the vehicle turned around and drove off, leaving the couple stranded.

Despite pleading not guilty, Mr Anwar was convicted by a district judge after evidence from Mr Griffiths' phone and Uber supported the prosecution's case. The judge ruled that the reason Mr Anwar failed to fulfill the booking was due to the presence of the guide dogs, not a flat tire as Mr Anwar claimed.

Mr Anwar was fined £288, and ordered to pay £100 in compensation to each of the Griffiths as well as a contribution of £500 towards the prosecution costs.

The story was picked up several media outlets and it was the main story on BBC East Midlands Today, ITV Central and was also the front page story in the Nottingham Post.

This incident highlights the importance of respecting the rights of disabled individuals and their assistance animals. You can report any issues to the council's Licencing and Enforcement team by visiting <u>www.gedling.gov.uk</u> and visiting our 'Report it' page.

Gedling Plan

The Gedling Plan is a document that sets out what we want to achieve as a council. We are now in the first year of our new three-year plan and we wanted to explain to you our vision, ambitions and priorities for the borough.

Our four priorities are:

Economy

To encourage and support healthy businesses in our town and local centres, improving local skills and employment opportunities, and promoting an economy that attracts visitors throughout the day and supports leisure activity.

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Community

To enable a resilient, empowered, connected, inclusive and healthy community.





Place

To enable a safe, attractive, clean and culturally vibrant borough that plays its part to tackle the climate emergency.

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a healthy place to work, it engages with its customers, has a focus on improvement, is financially sound, and ensures compliance with all relevant legislation. Setting out the council's priorities for the next three years, the plan shows how we will focus on the economy, community, place and how the council will provide an excellent service for our residents and local businesses.

The plan also provides details of the feedback received from residents about our previous three year plan with over 80% of residents agreeing with our council's priorities.

Looking ahead, the plan sets out our vision for the future and we know that there are great challenges for us. We will continue to listen to and work with individuals, groups and partners to ensure that we are a council that works for the community.

To read the plan in full visit <u>www.gedling.gov.uk</u> and search for 'Gedling Plan'.

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Council budget agreed

The budget for the next financial year has been agreed by Councillors at a special Budget Council held at the beginning of March.

This year we will spend around £14.2 million on a wide range of services. We continue to face significant pressures to deliver with reduced resources. Since 2010, our grants from the Government have been reduced and for the last five years we have been one of the worst affected councils in England in terms of core spending power, facing a reduction of 8% in funding since 2015/16. By comparison, 287 councils in the country have seen an increase in funding for the same period, with the largest increase for a district council similar to Gedling being 33.1%

Gedling consistently strives to provide good value for money for all its residents, but with no additional funding, we are reluctantly left with no choice but to raise our share of the council tax bill by 3% for the coming year. This equates to £3.56 per year / 7p per week for a Band A property, or £5.34 per year/10p per week for a Band D property. Having been hit with a £5.7 million cut in money to spend on local services, we are working hard to deliver savings to ensure our community continues to receive the high quality services it needs and deserves. The council has also approved a £7.4 million programme of ways to save money.

Despite the difficulties of having to find this money, there are plans for investment in the borough, including improvements in our town centres and continued free two hour parking. We are investing in health and wellbeing including access to leisure services and open spaces. We are investing in our small businesses, growing on the great investment we made at The AMP in Arnold. We will also continue to invest in carbon reduction initiatives to deliver on our commitment to become carbon neutral by 2030, this includes work to retrofit homes with better insulation, improve residents' access to cleaner energy as well as planting more native trees across the borough.

For more information about our budget visit www.gedling.gov.uk

Pride of **Gedling** Awards **2022**



The Pride of Gedling Awards are an opportunity for us to shine a light on the incredible achievements of residents, businesses and community groups across the borough, making a big difference to peoples' lives. This year, we received over 190 nominations across the six categories, all of which were of a very high standard and we would like to thank everyone who nominated a friend, colleague, neighbour, local community or business for an award.

The categories were incredibly difficult to judge and to be shortlisted was a remarkable achievement so congratulations to all of our winners and runners up, who are fine representatives of our borough and really are the pride of Gedling.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank our sponsors as, without them, we could not make this brilliant event happen every year. We really hope you enjoy reading about the winners over the next few pages and if you think there's someone in your community who deserves recognition make sure you nominate them later this year.

You can find out more about the awards at www.prideofgedling.co.uk



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Business in the Community Winner

Suthaharan Raslinghan – Somersby Convenience

This award celebrates the brilliant businesses which play a big part in supporting their community in the borough of Gedling.

Suthaharan has worked tirelessly to make Somersby Convenience the heart of the Woodthorpe Community. During lockdown, he organised and co-ordinated a team of local community volunteers to help deliver shopping to the vulnerable residents of Woodthorpe.

He organises special community events from Halloween to Christmas carol concerts and paid for the maintenance of the local community garden, as well as buying benches and fencing to make the area a nice environment for locals to relax. He regularly donates products of the shop to local charitable causes and always has time to chat to everyone in the community and is hugely valued by all his customers.

Runners up - Jolanta Dayal and Rose's Pantry

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Community Heroes Award Winner

Sally Bates

This award recognises inspirational individuals or groups, from any walk of life, who have gone that extra mile, or above and beyond their role, to help others or to make life better in their community.

Sally collects, cleans and prepares donated items to raise money for charity and help struggling families through her Sassy's Bag a Bargain Facebook page. Incredibly, when a family lost everything in a house fire last Christmas, Sally went into action and used her online page to rally the troops and make sure that those children would have something to open on Christmas day.

Ask anyone in her local community and they would say she has a heart of gold.

Runners up - Drone to Home, Margaret Bowler and Chris Cook-Cann

Outstanding Community Project Winner

Amanda Vennell

For this award, we were looking for all those brilliant projects and groups which help their local community and improve the lives of those living in them.

Everyone in Nottinghamshire and around the UK was deeply saddened when young Dylan Rich, a footballer for West Bridgford Colts, collapsed and died on the pitch.

Amanda, who has a son of a similar age, was so upset that she felt that she had to do something about it so she started the 'Defibs for Grassroots Football' campaign. In just under a year, Amanda raised enough money to purchase over 20 defibrillators for local football clubs.

Amanda's actions have meant that should the unimaginable happen again, lives could be saved. Her commitment to this cause has been nothing short of heroic.

Runners up - The ARK , Netherfield Forum St George's and Loco Centre



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The Environmental **Hero Award**

Leah Lee

This award celebrates any individual, group, school, club, organisation or business in the borough that have made a positive impact on either: conservation, the environment or community spaces.

At just 8 years old, Leah is already very passionate about the environment. She is a member of Kids Against Plastic and has been visiting local schools to give talks about plastic pollution and the effects of it on our ocean and wildlife.

She has inspired children and adults across the borough to do what they can to save the planet. These small drops lead to large ripples and Leah's impact will make a huge difference. Did we mention she is just 8 years old?

Runners up - Friends of Moor Pond Woods Vanessa Astill and Friends of Breck Hill Park

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Inspirational Healthy Lifestyle Winner

Woodborough Celtic Youth FC

This award celebrates any individual, group, school, club, organisation or business in the borough that have made a positive impact on health and/or wellbeing in the borough.

You often hear about the 'love of the game' but the coaches at this club are changing young people's lives.

Established in 2021, the free training sessions are helping children from pre-school upwards learn about how sport can be great for your physical and mental wellbeing.

Martin, Paul and Adam give their time and energy for free and have 60-80 children attend the sessions every week. They teach the children the essential skills for football while making sure it's fun. They encourage sportsmanship, praise and that everyone is a winner. What's not to love about that?

Runners up - Pressure Point Sports Massage and Katie Roper

Dylan Barker Young Person Winner

Freddie Vokes

This award celebrates young people, under the age of 21, who make an outstanding contribution to their communities.

This very special award was renamed in honour of a previous winner of this award, Dylan Barker, who sadly died after a long illness with cancer. His courage, optimism and drive to help others, lives on through these awards.

13-year-old Freddie is an accomplished pianist and harpist and his talent alone on those instruments would make him a worthy nominee for the young achiever award. However, it is for using his talent to help others, that he has been nominated for.

In March, after seeing the appalling scenes on the television of the war unfolding in Ukraine, Freddie decided to take action. He organised live streaming concerts to raise money for the Ukraine appeal. Freddie raised over £1,000 for the appeal and the money was used to buy urgent medical equipment.

Special Judges Award - Kaysey Farnsworth, Grace Davies and Muhammad Ebadullah Malik

Overall Pride of Gedling Winner

Tina Simpson

The winner of the overall Pride of Gedling Award has been a true champion and ambassador for her community for several years. Tina has worked as a volunteer and trustee at St George's Loco Centre in Netherfield for over 25 years.

She helps support families across the town with events at the centre that caters for local school children, including families who are struggling due to the cost of living crisis and other financial problems.

Tina has dedicated her life to helping people who need it the most. When we went to visit her at the centre, under false pretences that we were filming a video for award nominees, we were able to see first-hand the impact of the work Tina does. She organised for over 50 children to have a Halloween party which included a free meal, supported by Nottinghamshire County Council. The event included fancy dress, face painting, drawing activities and a large indoor bouncy castle for the children to enjoy. Tina worked on every aspect of the day, from serving the hot food, to taking all of the names of attendees on the door, all while supporting the parents at the event, many of whom rely on her for wellbeing support.

You can watch the video we produced at the event showing why Tina is the Pride of Gedling by visiting the Gedling Borough Council YouTube page.

You can find out more about the Pride of Gedling Awards at www.prideofgedling.co.uk

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Tina's name is now etched on the Pride of Gedling roll of honours board.

Pride of Gedling Awards 2022



New Tree Trail at Digby Park





A tree trail at Digby Park, Mapperley, has officially opened as part of the council's commitment to create and protect a sustainable environment.

More than 500 trees have been planted on the trail, including native and ornamental trees such as Pride of India, Tibetan Cherry and Large Leaf Lime.

Children from nearby Carlton Digby School joined Park Rangers to help, planting native daffodils as well as a tree for the school to adopt.

The trail is lined with saplings of more than 30 different tree species, each marked with a plaque featuring a QR code. When scanned, the user will be taken to a webpage with detailed



information about that specific species of tree.

When fully grown many of the trees will reach heights between 60 and 100 foot and become part of an area called the "Green Lung". The park will also be receiving new benches, bins and improved drainage to make it easier to access.

The trail leads from the entrance at Digby Avenue, Mapperley all the way to Arnold Lane and back. Plans are also being made for access improvements from Digby Park to Gedling Country Park once the nearby housing development is finished.





More trees for our borough

Gedling Borough Council has received funding from the Local Authority Treescapes Fund to plant thousands of new trees in non-woodland areas of Carlton, Arnold and Woodthorpe as part of the council's commitment to promoting a sustainable environment and achieving net zero carbon emissions by 2030.

The funding, which amounts to £8,133.85, will be used to plant 519 trees across the borough, with an additional 1,351 trees to be planted in other areas using existing council budgets and external funding.

Trees including Oak, Silver Birch, Scots Pine, and other species, will be planted in parks, open spaces, and existing hedgerows, as these areas can provide the greatest levels of benefits to ecosystems and society. These benefits include carbon absorption, flood protection and support for biodiversity.

The new trees will be planted by the council's Park Rangers, with support from local schools, community groups and volunteers. Native species such as Hawthorn, Hazel, Field Maple, Hornbeam, Cherry, Mountain Ash, Silver Birch, Oak, Scots Pine, and Yew will be planted. The planting season runs until March and the council plans to apply for further funding to plant more trees in the future.



Green Rewards winners announced

Our Green Rewards Scheme has been running in the borough for a year and the winner of the annual award for earning the most points for climate change actions was in the Colwick ward. The winning ward members chose to celebrate the win by planting trees, bulbs and wildflowers at a site voted for by fellow members. They planted 30 whips at Carlton Recreation Ground, this included Hazel, Dogwood, Silver Birch, Crab Apple and Wayfaring trees.

The Notts Green Rewards programme incentivises residents to learn about and take action on climate change by reducing waste, shopping sustainably, encouraging local biodiversity and many more! Residents earn points for their actions and each month there are £20 vouchers for the top performers. At the end of the year the ward with the most points wins a prize, which they can choose collectively, to help the environment such as planting trees.

You can sign up to Green Rewards at www.notts.greenrewards.co.uk





Life saving bath scheme

The council has completed a new "bath out" scheme, which involved converting 15 standard bathrooms at properties in Netherfield into accessible wet rooms. By removing bathtubs and creating walk-in shower spaces, elderly residents are able to stay in their homes longer and potentially delay moving into supported accommodation or receiving care from the NHS.

The council partnered with local housing provider, Longhurst Group, to identify properties in need of the adaptations. The scheme, which cost a total of £105,000 was entirely funded by the Better Care Fund, which was set up in 2015 to better integrate NHS, social care,

and housing services for older people and those with complex needs.

It is estimated that each adaptation could save up to £73,000 per person when compared to the cost of moving into residential care or receiving care from the NHS following a fall. In addition to the wet room installations, properties also received additional safety improvements such as new sinks, rails and seats.

The council is now looking to expand the scheme to other areas and housing providers in the borough and will be applying for further funding from the Better Care Fund.

The AMP is now open and we wanted to introduce you to the new tenants. The new £4 million building opened in October 2022 and is the home to FIVE new independent businesses that are just starting out. The new building is home to a wine tasting experience outlet, a cat and dog accessory and treats store, a tea rooms and a delicatessen to go alongside the Post Office, which has relocated from nearby Worrall Avenue.



Meet the new AMP tenants:

Post Office

THE

Alison and her team moved from their unit on Worrall Avenue to this new unit and they provide all of the things you would expect from a Post Office plus more. Many people won't realise that the business is a franchise and is run by Alison independently and not by the Royal Mail. She provides essential services including collections and deliveries as well as bureau de change and the shop also has a host of special items including gifts and ornaments.

1 Market Place Tearooms

If you want a nice slice of cake and a tea or coffee, then the tearooms is for you. Opened by local business operator Sarah Lou, the family run business has been operating in the Arnold area for many years. Their corner unit at the AMP means that you can sit and watch the world go by through Arnold Town Centre while enjoying a hot drink and some food. The perfect place to stop off while shopping in the town.

Cleo's Delicatessen

The new owners Theo and Chloe have opened a delicatessen that sells the finest foods including a range of vegetarian options, local produce, meats, cheeses, salads and sandwiches. They also supply prepared catering food for events and parties.



CatDog

The perfect store for cat and dog owners, CatDog sells a variety of pet accessories and food. Owner, Yaz took the plunge and left his family business and decided he wanted to run his own business. The store's mascot and model is Peanut, a pint sized pet who steals the show. Make sure you go and take a look at the great range of animal products available.

TASTE First

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Food for Life

A "Food for Life" community celebration took place at the Richard Herrod Centre in Carlton, to celebrate community support for refugees in Gedling.

The event, organised by Gedling Borough Council, Gedling Seniors Council and The Syrian Society of Nottingham was attended by around 100 people, including refugees from both Syria and Ukraine who have resettled in the borough, host families and community groups.

Local Syrian families and the Syrian Society of Nottinghamshire, Yasmin House, prepared a traditional meal for everyone to enjoy and craft activities were provided by Gedling Play Forum. The event was organised to not only thank the local community for their support, but to also give refugees an opportunity to socialise and network with other families and find out about local community groups.

In 2015, the Government announced that around 20,000 Syrian refugees would be settling In the UK, including a number of refugees who relocated to Gedling Borough after host families came forward to offer housing.

In response to the invasion of Ukraine, Gedling Councillors approved a motion to support families fleeing the war, launching a webpage to promote ways residents could help refugees, including offering accommodation and donating food and goods.

To find out more visit











More CCTV to support communities in Gedling

A new £18,500 CCTV camera has been installed at Killisick Recreation Ground as part of the council's commitment to reduce anti-social behaviour, crime and the fear of crime.

The camera has been installed to offer reassurance to users of Killisick Recreation Ground, the recently refurbished play area and local schools, as well as to users of the nearby community centre and children's centre.

High quality images from the camera are transmitted to, recorded, and monitored from the council's central CCTV Control Room and will be used to help assist the Police with investigations. The council's Community Safety Team and Neighbourhood Wardens will also use camera to assist with tackling anti-social behaviour, fly tipping, graffiti and vandalism.

The camera is the latest investment in CCTV by Gedling Borough Council, following £90k worth of investment in existing equipment in Arnold, Calverton and Carlton. There are also plans for a further two CCTV cameras to be installed in Colwick using funding from the Police and Crime Commissioner's Safer Streets Fund.



Stay active for life

Gedling Leisure's Active for Life sessions are a great way to meet new people while keeping active and improving both your physical and mental health.

The sessions include a range of classes designed for people living with, or recovering from, various health conditions, from heart problems and strokes to arthritis and mobility issues. Due to popular demand we have recently increased the number of Good Boost sessions (classes in Carlton Forum Leisure Centre's pool, designed to improve strength and mobility).

The '50+' sessions are a good opportunity to try out lots of different activities, followed by a social meet up. All sessions have welcoming groups so you can have fun while you get fit. Good fun, great social environment, keeps you fit! Rose B. 50+ sessions member

I had suffered a heart attack which injured my heart muscle... My activity and fitness levels are getting close to normal now and I think the sessions with a specialist instructor are invaluable to recovery.

> Dr Philip H. Heartbeats class member

Contact one of the leisure centres to find out more about any of these sessions or visit <u>www.gedling.gov.uk/active-for-life</u>

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We're reducing emissions by 90%

The emissions from our waste and recycling vehicles will be reduced by 90% thanks to a new initiative that replaces diesel with vegetable oil.

Gedling Borough Council has announced that its waste fleet will use sustainable fuel instead of diesel, as part of a pioneering initiative to promote environmental sustainability.

The change of fuel use will enable the council's waste and recycling service to focus on resources that can help reduce CO2 emissions and encourage sustainable behaviour. It is expected to provide a cleaner working environment for staff, reduce fuel usage and

minimise pollution and waste. In line with the council's pledge to become carbon net zero by 2030, the scheme is expected to reduce greenhouse gas emissions by up to 90%, Nitrous Oxide emissions by up to 27% and PM emissions by up to 84%.

The fuel replacement scheme involves the use of 100% renewable and sustainable paraffinic fuel, which is manufactured from waste products and has been approved by central government as an alternative fuel to diesel. The fuel is compatible with all modern diesel engines and existing fuelling structures, without any additional costs.







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Spring 2023



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Oppenheimer

Spider-Man: Across the Spider-Verse Super Mario Bros

Cinema tickets

£6.50 | £5.50 (concessions) £4 16-25 members Tickets are available online or by calling the box office

Event Cinema

National Theatre Live: The Life of Pi Sunday 2 – Friday 7 April $\pounds12.50 | \pounds10$



Royal Opera House Live: Cinderella Wednesday 12 and Sunday 16 April £15 | £12.50

National Theatre Live: Good Thursday 20 – Saturday 22 April £12.50 | £10

Royal Opera House Live: The Marriage of Figaro (encore screening) Sunday 30 April. 2pm £15 | £12.50

National Theatre Live: Best of Enemies Thursday 18 May, 7pm £12.50 | £10



Royal Opera House Live: Sleeping Beauty Sunday 28 May, 2pm £15 | £12.50

Exhibition on Screen: Tokyo Stories June (Date TBC) £12.50 | £10



Theatre

New Youth Theatre: Madagascar Jnr Saturday 25 March – Saturday 1 April £9

The Bonington Players: The Vicar of Dibley Wednesday 26 – Saturday 29 April £10

After Dark: Lights, Camera, Murder! (Murder mystery + evening performance includes a meal) Saturday 13 May at 2.30pm & 7pm £10



Blind Eye Productions: Calendar Girls Wednesday 24 – Saturday 27 May, 7.30pm £10

Live Music



Jazz in the Bar

Third Sunday of each month, 7.30pm (unless otherwise stated) £8

Nottingham Organ Society First Monday of each month.

First Monday of each month, 7.30pm (unless otherwise stated) £8 | £7

Jazz Steps: Tracey/Galea Legacy Quintet Thursday 4 May, 7.30pm £15

Live & Local: Remi Harris & Tom Moore Saturday 20 May, 7.30pm £12 | £10



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